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A Terrible Cyclone

Strikes the Towns of Beauregard and Wesson.

Awful Destruction of Life and Property.

A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED, AND A STILL LARGER NUMBER WOUNDED.

Special to the Times-Democrat.

Wesson, April 22.—A frightful cyclone passed over Wesson and through our sister town of Beauregard, one mile above, at about 4 o'clock this evening. The wind had been for the past three days blowing a gale, and the lowering clouds indicated a storm.

Its approach was known some minutes prior to its advent by a deep rumbling sound, the windows in dwellings shaking with violence. Many intelligent people thought it an earthquake. The thunder roared and the lightning flashed with alarming force and vividness. Fences were torn down, and trees which had stood the storms of years were uprooted and cast a hundred yards away. East of the railroad in Wesson the damage was light, but in the western portion of town the destruction was awful in its character. As soon as the storm had somewhat abated, and people began to look about, the loud peals of the church bells rang out.

People were seen running in all directions toward West Wesson, on Peach Orchard street, a scene which no pen can describe met the eye. This street is composed of a large number of houses in which the

OPERATIVES OF THE MISSISSIPPI MILLS were domiciled, and it was here that the destruction was felt. People were seen on all sides sobbing, and the groans of the wounded beneath the ruins were perfectly appalling. The dwellings of the people were torn to atoms. The pine forest just beyond was blown out of existence. To add to the horrible scene, it was reported that one of the houses which was only demolished in part was on fire, with a lot of helpless wounded inside. The fire, however, was extinguished, and then began the work of removing the dead and extricating the wounded from the ruins. A lady, Mrs. Calvin Reed, living in the vicinity,

DIED FROM THE EXCITEMENT.

The streets were filled with people, all vying to excel the others in their noble offices. Drs. Sexton, Rea and Butler were soon upon the scene, and did all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the dying and wounded.

Up to this hour the number of killed is estimated at 13, and some two or three missing children are believed to be buried under the ruins. Some 15 or 20 dwellings were blown down. In some of them the escapes were miraculous.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH BROKEN LIMBS

is estimated by the physicians at 75. The wounded were removed as fast as possible to houses which escaped injury. Several of the dead lay out in the violent rain for more than an hour.

AFTER THE STORM.

The dead are now all laid out and coffins are being made for them. The mills will not run to-morrow. Capt. Oliver, the manager, is now in New Orleans, but he has been telegraphed for and will probably be up to-night. The citizens are doing all in their power for the wounded, many of whom, it is feared, will die. A special train, with physicians from McComb City and Brookhaven, arrived here at 7:35; among them Dr. Bowen. At about 10:40 an extra special train will be here with additional help from Magnolia and Summit. Some of these physicians will go to Beauregard, where the destruction to life and property is simply indescribable. Among those killed in Wesson are Mrs. Cansey and two children; several children of J. T. Gibson, one of whom was found crushed under a chimney. Two persons were so mangled as to be unrecognizable. One little boy was found in the woods, several hundred yards away, unhurt. This town, except in the locality mentioned, suffered little, except the general destruction of fencing, trees, etc. The dead will be buried to-morrow.

THE SCENE AT BEAUREGARD.

The Times-Democrat correspondent visited the town of Beauregard this evening at 5 o'clock. It is only one mile above and lay in the direct path of the cyclone. The scene is absolutely indescribable. Beauregard is no more. It is in truth a mass of ruins. It is with difficulty that one can ride there, so thickly are the trees strewn across the road. There is not a house of any character standing in the place. The dead, dying and wounded have been brought here.

The two brick stores of Thompson & Co. and M. Daniel & Co., the largest houses in the place, have been swept away. Timbers are scattered all over the place, and for miles around, even out in the country two and a half miles distant, dwellings have been swept away and the occupants killed and wounded. No one would now recognize the town. It is turned bottom up.

The following is a list of the

DEAD AND WOUNDED HERE.

and may be considered authentic:

John Ross, mortally wounded, expected to die to-night.
His wife lies in a critical condition, and is fearfully wounded.
Milton Story, son of Mr. Story, dead.
Morgan Jaynes, mortally wounded.
Dr. Benton's wife, dead.

Henry Hollingsworth, clerk in Thompson & Co.'s brick store, was blown from the door into the railroad, his shoes taken from his feet on the way. He was not hurt.

Mrs. Westerfield, mother of the druggist here, the only one in ten miles, is expected to die to-night.

Mr. Isaac Bloom, who was in the same dwelling, is fearfully wounded, but it is thought he will recover.

Mr. Bloom, the druggist here, informs the Times-Democrat correspondent that he thinks his mother and his brother, Mr. Isaac Bloom, will die.

Mr. M. Daniel's little baby-boy, "Solie," is considered to be dying to-night. Mr. Daniel himself was badly hurt, being struck with a piece of scantling in the face.

Mr. Turnbull, a butcher, of Brookhaven, who was at Beauregard, is now at Col. King's residence. It is stated that his injuries will result in death.

Capt. Lampkin, wife and child are dead. Capt. Lampkin was formerly a member of the firm of Thompson, Lampkin & Co., composed of J. H. Thompson, J. A. Lampkin, A. J. Lusk and Benjamin King, the late Fusion candidate for Governor in this State. It is now Thompson & Co.

Leo Holloway, a saloon-keeper, was seen by the Times-Democrat correspondent, while being taken in a wagon to the same residence. He is a very large, powerful and stout man; he is mortally injured.

Mrs. Holloway, his wife, had her leg broken.

The depot was swept away, and not a sign of it now remains.

Mr. Wilcox, the operator, who recently superseded Mr. Blount, who is now at Jackson, as operator had both of his arms broken. He was hurt at his post of duty.

The family of A. J. Ferguson, the great South Mississippi saw-mill man, consisting of 10, including himself, were fearfully hurt. Assistance was sent them at once.

Mr. Charlie Lane was mortally wounded.

Dr. Albert G. Pierce and child are said to be mortally hurt. Their house fell upon them.

Mr. J. F. Williams, son-in-law of Mr. W. C. Loving, was in his store on Main street, and was taken out of the ruins dead.

LATER.

D. Sexton just informs me that there are

TWELVE DEAD IN WESSON,

and that three will probably die before morning. The physicians state they have adjusted 13 fractured limbs and dressed 50 wounds. Have reduced five dislocations.

LATER.

The foregoing graphic description is from the pen of Mr. C. A. Hamilton, and was prepared Sunday night when full details were not obtainable. A representative of THE CLARION, with several other citizens of Jackson, including Dr. John Hunter, went down Monday morning, and rendered such assistance as they could. Thousands visited Beauregard during the day. On our arrival there seemed to be no organization for relief. Judge Bridwell and a few others were doing all that was possible. Very soon a co-operative relief committee was formed with Col. T. R. Stockdale as chairman, and the distribution of supplies and assignment of physicians and nurses proceeded more orderly.

As we were leaving Beauregard at 7 p. m., there were thirty-one coffins at the depot, all labeled for those who had been killed, and several others were expected to die during the night. The following is as complete a list as we could obtain of the deaths at Beauregard:

Dr. Luther Jones, dentist, wife and two sons, Luther and Wood.

Miss Mary Mikell.

George White, youth.

Mitford Story, youth.

Miss Georgia Mitchell.

Jas. W. Williams, merchant.

William Sanford, from country.

Wm. Parker, saloon-keeper, his son Lewis Parker, and his niece, a little girl.

Rev. Theophilus Green, Baptist minister.

Wm. Keaton, or Keating. (Mr. Green was dining with him.)

Miss Eula Benton, 18 years.

Ernest Balaz, youth.

Miss Annie Clausing, recently of New Orleans.

John T. Terrell, saloon-keeper.

Geo. G. Holloway, saloon-keeper.

Mrs. Huber, formerly Mrs. Shields.

and family—ten persons residing east of Pearl river were all killed.

We were unable to get a complete list of the wounded at Beauregard. Mr. E. S. Wilcox, telegraph operator, had both arms broken, and severely cut in head and right hip. He was blown from his room, in the Hooker hotel, a distance of fifty yards. Among the others, more or less injured were Hamilton Moody, wife and two children, Mrs. Ben Jones, John Ross, his wife and two children, Mrs. Emma Benton, Miss Jennie and Miss Alice Benton, Miss Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and three children, Dr. Pierce, Mrs. Terrell, Miss Emma Terrell, Mrs. Sweet and two children, two children of Mrs. Swett, Mrs. Ira Robertson, Mrs. E. Robertson, Elam Robertson, Frank and Dudley White, Mrs. Westerfield, Mrs. John Rembert, Mr. McRaney, Morgan Jayne, child, Mrs. Parker, left hand amputated, Mrs. Walker, Ellice Daniel and child, Polk Ferguson, and two children, Mrs. Peets, A. J. Lusk, Mrs. Thames, Mrs. Lamkin and son, I. Bloom, Mr. Shoafe, Mrs. Beckie Hunter, I. Turnbough, Wm. Jones, Wm. Walker, and several badly hurt at Albert Ferguson's.

The terrible freaks of the cyclone, and the many wonderful escapes would occupy columns to describe. A loaded freight car, for instance, was blown eastward several hundred yards.

THE KILLED AT WESSON

are as follows. Several others at that place will die from the effects of wounds:

Miss Sallie Ford.

Mrs. Wilkinson and son.

Two children of Edward Allen.

Child of Mr. Duncan.

Mrs. Causey and child.

Wm. Blackburn.

Samuel Keyton, aged 60 years.

Samuel Binion and sister.

Little daughter of Nathan Loftin.

All these were occupying tenement houses about two hundred yards west of the Mississippi Mills. The Mills suspended work on Monday, but resumed again yesterday morning. Messrs. Richardson and Oliver had given orders for the proper interment of the dead and the care of the wounded and the supply of all their wants. Had the cyclone struck two hundred yards eastward, the factory would have been demolished. The buildings destroyed were immediately due west.

It is a remarkable coincidence that the cyclone that destroyed Monticello occurred on the 21st April, 1882, and at nearly the same hour of the day as the one on Sunday last.

THE VERY LATEST.

We learn from Judge Wato, who came up on train yesterday afternoon, that there were several additional deaths at Beauregard, and that the wounded were not doing so well. The deaths were Misses Eugene and Anna Terrell, a daughter of Mrs. Sweet and a child of Mrs. Ross. Mrs. Westerfield was dying, and Hamp Moody supposed to be dying. It was feared that Capt. White's family would all die.

It appears that the storm passed two miles north of Georgetown and Rockport—there being an interval of nearly three hours between the two cyclones. Only one of the Bass family was killed; six of the Crawford family were killed, and at same house, Billy Moore, wife and child and a daughter of Mrs. Beasley—ten killed in one house. Mrs. Allen, sister of Dr. Rowan, was also killed, near Rockport.

Coming Home.

Here is one of many letters Commissioner Wall is receiving, showing the tendency for a general movement Southward, from the Northwest and other parts of the country. It is proper to add that Maj. Wall has secured reduced special rates for the transportation of persons coming South to settle, or to "spy out" the land:

DONGCLA, UNION CO., ILLINOIS, }
April 19, 1883.

Hon. E. G. Wall, Commissioner of Immigration.

DEAR SIR: I have recently come in possession of your Hand-Book of the State of Mississippi. I am a native of Mississippi, I was born in Jefferson county. I left the South two years after the war. I expect to move this summer or fall South again, I think to Central Mississippi. There is a great many good honest hard working men here that would like to move South. Land is so high here they can't buy it. It ranges from \$25 to \$50 per acre. I think I could get a good many to move South as I have lived there. The great trouble is the high rates on the railroad could you not get transportation for emigrants reduced? I would be glad you would write to me and let me know. They want me to go down and select for them—several families settling in the same neighborhood. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, respectfully yours,

E. L. MONTGOMERY.

CYCLONES are not respective of persons and localities. It may be our time next. Remember the sufferers by the late storm and contribute what you can.

THE First Assistant Postmaster-General has the making of 45,000 appointments, the Postmaster-General of only about 2,000, and those of the higher class.

It is reported that the straight-out Republicans under the lead of John R. Lynch (colored) are to have a pow-wow in Jackson on the 12th of June.

SUPREME COURT REPORTS.

October Term, 1882.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY ROBT. SHOTWELL.

EX-PARTE,
vs.
E. BOURGEOIS.

From the Circuit Court of Hancock county.

E. Bourgeois was arrested, tried and convicted before a justice of the peace, and fined for the crime of drunkenness. The town of Bay St. Louis is situated within this justice's district. The crime having been committed within the corporate limits, he was brought before the mayor of the town, and regardless of the plea that he had already been fined for the same offense by the justice of the peace, the mayor imposed another fine upon him. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Bay St. Louis by their charter "given full power and authority over all matters of police within said city to make publish and promulgate all such orders, regulations, ordinances and by-laws as they may deem necessary and proper for the good government, welfare and harmony of said city, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi and of the United States." E. Bourgeois having paid the fine imposed by the justice of the peace, sues out this writ of *habeas corpus*. He was released by the judge below and this appeal is prosecuted by the city authorities.

W. P. & J. B. Harris, for the appellant.
Ben. Lane Posey, contra.

CHALMERS, J.,
Held—

1. It is competent for the legislature to delegate to a municipality the right to make acts which were punishable by the State, punishable also by the municipal authorities when committed within their corporate limits.

2. The power of double punishment for a single act on this delegation of authority to a local municipality to punish acts which are crimes against the State, by a mode of procedure and degree of punishment unknown to the State law, cannot be inferred from a mere general authority to legislate for the good government of the municipality, but must be clearly given and if not so given does not exist.

3. It is by no means clear that by the charter of Bay St. Louis, any criminal power was intended to be conferred save such as was necessary to ensure obedience to such police regulations as might from time to time be ordained.

4. By police regulations, in this connection, we mean such as had reference to health and cleanliness to streets, wharves, lights, markets and the like or the commission of acts which, though not criminal under State laws, might properly be made so when committed within city limits. Affirmed.

(To be reported.)

ADA C. SHANNON,
vs.
J. C. BLUM & CO.

Appeal from the Circuit Court of Warren county, Hon. Warren Cowan, Judge.

Shannon & Peck were horse traders, engaged in the business of buying and selling stock. They came to Vicksburg and placed their stock consisting of 8 head in a livery stable and offered them for sale. They took out a license in the name of Shannon & Peck, Appellees, to whom they were indebted, sued out a writ of attachment which was levied on all the stock. Mrs. Shannon, wife of the defendant, interposed her claim to 4 of the horses thus levied upon. These 4 horses had been bought with her money in New Orleans and Shannon & Peck were on their way to Indiana, where they resided. The court instructed the jury in the words of § 1309 of the Code of 1880, in behalf of the plaintiff on the trial of the claimant's issue. A verdict was returned for the plaintiffs in attachment.

R. V. Booth and L. W. Magruder for appellants.

Miller and Hirsch contra.

CHALMERS, J.
Held—

Whether § 1309, Code 1880 was intended to apply to property in the hands of a factor or auctioneer or to a clear case of bailment where the property is hired or loaned to a trader or put into his hands as agent to be sold for the exclusive benefit of the owner and the proceeds at once handed over to him. Quare?

2. There is evidence in this case tending to prove that the property here involved was intentionally, so placed by the owner in the custody of the traders as to become a part of the stock, or by appearing to be so, to furnish them with a basis of credit. The jury were correctly instructed and their verdict must be construed as a finding of the question of fact as to whether such was the nature of their custody in the affirmative. Affirmed.

(To be reported.)

GADDIS,
vs.
PALMER.

Appeal from the Circuit Court of Scott county, Hon. A. G. Mayers, Judge.

John L. Palmer bought an action of replevin in a justice's court against J. Gaddis for 1 bale of cotton. Gaddis gave bond with H. W. Crook as surety and retained possession. Judgment was rendered against Gaddis and Crook on this bond. Gaddis appealed to the Circuit Court, and H. W. Crook became surety on the appeal bond. In the Circuit Court a motion was made to dismiss the case for want of jurisdiction because of the lack of a valid bond. Gaddis offered a good bond, but the court refused to allow it to be filed and dismissed the case.

S. H. Kirkland and S. McLaurin, for the appellant.

A. J. McLaurin, contra.

CAMPBELL, C. J.,
Held—

The appellant had given an appeal "bond with security," approved by the

justice of the peace, and should have been allowed to give a new bond as he offered to do, if the first was defective in any respect. Judgment reversed and cause remanded.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY C. C. CAMPBELL.

Monday, April 23, 1883.

The following cases were Affirmed:

4256—Rowan Miller vs. Peeples & Brannum.

4270—Parolee Chambers et al. vs. Mrs. G. P. Theobald.

4288—John L. Giegolt vs. John S. Joor.

4299—Ada C. Shannon vs. J. C. Blum & Co.

4301—Wirt Adams, Rev. Agt., vs. Wade Harvey.

4307—Halpin, Bonham & Co. vs. E. O. Starnard & Co.

4319—Bamberger, Bloom & Co. vs. G. G. Gordon & Co.

The following cases were Reversed and Remanded:

4265—E. S. McDougal vs. People's Savings Bank of Meridian.

4275—A. M. Paxton et al. vs. A. H. Arthur et al.

4076—Katie P. Kountz Trans. Co. et al. vs. Vicksburg Bank, affirmed on cross-appeal; reversed on appeal.

4185—H. S. Foote, Dist. Att'y, vs. H. C. Myers, Sec'y State, motion to set aside reversal and affirm the case overruled.

4289—Andrew Skinner et al. vs. Baxter Wilson et al., motion to strike bill of exceptions from record overruled.

LAST week two steamers arrived at Boston with a large list of passengers, most of them evicted Irish tenants from the counties of Galway, Mayo, Derry and Donegal, sent out by the British Government. The British agent furnished money to those who desired to go to places beyond Boston, the amounts—depending on the size of the family—varying from a few shillings to five or six pounds. Here seems to be a fine opportunity for immigration societies. These evicted tenants constituted the best class of Irish laborers.

THE Holly Springs Reporter says of Judge Roane, what everybody who knows him will endorse, that he has been holding Court there during the past week by exchange with Judge Featherston, and has given universal satisfaction both to the members of the bar, and to litigants. He is evidently a ready, sound and capable lawyer, and presides with an impartiality and dignity characteristic of the true gentleman and the honest and incorruptible judge.

THE Texas Legislature set apart an additional 1,000,000 acres of land toward the endowment of the State University, and as much more for the support of free schools. It has also taken steps for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to provide by taxation for a permanent revenue for the maintenance of an efficient and permanent school system.

THE Louisiana State Board of Health at a recent meeting held at New Orleans, presented the reports of the sanitary inspectors of the various districts showing no abatement in the number of cases of small-pox. From the reports it would seem that the disease is four fold more prevalent among the colored population, and twice as fatal.

THE London Court Circular states that the Queen's physician dressed her injured knee on Saturday. Her condition is much improved, the Queen will regain her full power of the limb, and old England will continue her "march upon the mountain wave—her home upon the sea."

THE Supreme Court of Alabama, holds the revenue law passed by the late Legislature void, because of the omission from the bill as enrolled and signed of certain words in the bill when passed. The new law reduced the tax to five and a half mills.

THE Nashville American and the Mobile Register have both joined the ranks of the protectionists. Whether they will support the Democratic Presidential candidate on "a tariff for revenue only" remains to be seen.

SENATOR Mahone and Gov. Cameron, leaders of the Virginia Readjusters, have just issued to their followers a programme for the presidential campaign of 1884. It means that they are going with the Republicans.

THE Memphis, Selma and Brunswick Railroad is now operating from Memphis to Pythania, Marshall county, though the work has stopped on the balance of the line.

Messrs. Yates and Campbell, railroad men, who had the difficulty at Starkeville last week, are both Northern mem-